The molasses is mainly utilised for the manufacture of Alcohol. Some quantity is also used for manufacture of cattle feed, binding material in foundaries, etc. Further, the control on prices and distribution of molasses has been withdrawn in June, 1993.

[Translation]

Assistance for Combating Terrorism

1685. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the Central assistance sought for combating terrorism by each State during the current year; and

(b) the assistance provided by the Union Government so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). No such proposal seeking financial assistance specifically to combat terrorism has been received during the current financial year. However, a sum of Rs. 38.23 crores has been released so far during the current financial year to various States under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces.

Area Under Oilseeds Cultivation

1686. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the area of land under the oilseeds cultivation in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the targets fixed/achieved for the oilseeds cultivation during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area increase strategy adopted for Gujarat State is to increase area under cultivation of various oilseeds crops through sequential cropping, inter-cropping, replacement of low economy crops in problematic situations and through multiple cropping in irrigation conditions.

(c) The area target are not fixed. However, area coverage in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plan is as under :

(Lakh ha.)

1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
29.21	30.16	30.42	29.10

Theft of Milk Products

1687. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number cases of theft of milk products from the Delhi Milk Scheme plants have been reported during the last three years;

(b) whether complaints from some M.Ps. were also received in this regard during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of persons/employees apprehended so far in this connection and the action taken against them; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of theft cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (d). Disciplinary action has been initiated against employees for theft of milk and milk products from the Delhi Milk Scheme. The details are as follows :

Year	No. of employees against whom disciplinary action was initiated
1994	186
1995	143
1996	137

(b) and (c). A letter was received from a Member of Parliament regarding decline in milk supplies of DMS and cases of theft of milk.

(e) Various measures like deployment of additional security personnel, more surprise checks by senior officers and supervision of loading of milk and milk products by senior officers have been introduced.

[Translation]

Foodgrains Production

1688. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :
SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the advance estimates for the current Kharif season place the expected production at around 58 lakh tonnes for the five principal crops namely, paddy, ragi, jowar, maize and bajra in Karnataka State; and

(b) if so, the total estimated foodgrains production during the current year in the country, foodgrain-wise and State-wise?